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Data Streams

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In the Claims

Claims 1-33 are pending and are listed below:

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SU 27 C 1. (Original) A method of parsing an Extensible Markup Language (XML) data stream comprising:
defining a plurality of states, individual states being associated with individual elements of an XML data stream;
associating one or more rules with each state;
receiving an XML data stream;
evaluating the XML data stream against one or more of the rules for individual elements contained in the XML data stream; and
disregarding associated portions of the XML data stream if any of the rules that are associated with those portions are violated.